



## **News Release**

Wilmington Police Department & New Hanover County District Attorney's Office  
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**WILMINGTON, NC - Judge Enters Consent Judgments against Two Wilmington Businesses**

Superior Court Judge Arnold Jones, entered consent judgments today against Chestnut Food Market, 1202 Chestnut Street and Good Times Lounge, 1415 Dawson Street, Wilmington, NC. The judgments are the latest step in civil nuisance abatement cases brought by New Hanover County District Attorney Ben David on behalf of the State of North Carolina, at the request of the City of Wilmington and the Wilmington Police Department.

The Chestnut Food Market property, owned by Chinlee, LLC, has a history of criminal activity including drug violations, assaults, robberies, and fights involving gang members. The property housing Good Times Lounge, formerly EndZone Sports Club, owned by TPK, LLC has a history of fights, assaults, and repeated instances of gunfire.

"Wilmington Police officers have responded to calls and complaints at these businesses for a number of years," said Wilmington Police Chief Ralph Evangelous. "Today's judgments are in the best interest of the public and we appreciate the cooperation of the property owners in bringing these actions to a close. Working together with ALE, the District Attorney's Office, and the surrounding community members and property owners, we are providing a permanent solution for the community."

Under the terms of each judgment, the leases of both businesses will be terminated immediately, and copies of the court orders will be forwarded to the NC ABC Commission, which is responsible for the alcohol privilege licenses for both businesses. Both properties are prohibited from ever housing a bar, pool hall, adult establishment, or any other type of business that sells alcohol, and they can never be used as a nuisance regardless of who owns them. Future owners or tenants of both locations are also bound by the terms of the court orders, including the provisions against selling alcohol.

"The nuisance abatement law provides a tool that local communities can use to stop nuisances at places like these for good," stated District Attorney Ben David. "These nuisance lawsuits will allow us to solve the problem once and for all, and give the neighbors of these properties some peace."

Information for the lawsuits were coordinated by the Wilmington Police Department, the New Hanover County District Attorney's Office, the Wilmington City Attorney's Office, and the North Carolina Alcohol Law Enforcement Division. Copies of the lawsuit and the Consent Judgments in both cases may be found in the offices of the Clerk of Superior Court of New Hanover County.